

DARYL KRAMP, MP Prince Edward-Hastings

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MP KRAMP SUPPORTS PROTECTION OF LIBRARY SERVICES

Belleville, ON – Daryl Kramp, Member of Parliament for Prince Edward-Hastings, voted in the House of Commons on March 9th to support Private Member’s Bill C-509 – An Act to amend the Canada Post Corporation Act (Library Materials), and is pleased to report that the Bill unanimously passed third reading in the House and now moves on to the Senate for their consideration.

Bill C-509, a Private Member’s Bill tabled by Conservative MP Mervin Tweed, seeks to enshrine not only the Library Book Rate in the Canada Post Corporation Act, but also expand the definition of library materials to include new media material beyond books.

The Library Book Rate has been in existence since 1939 and is used by libraries to greatly reduce the expense of offering inter-library loans. This reduction in mailing costs allows for the provision of library materials to Canadians in all regions of the country including urban, rural and remote areas.

“Libraries across Canada use the highly discounted Library Book Rate with hundreds of thousands of Canadians benefiting from it”, said Mr. Kramp. “These rates should be protected so that books and other library material can continue to get to people regardless of where they live in this country.”

The Canadian Library Association (CLA), the largest national library group in Canada has given it’s support to Bill C-509.